

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The references listed in the information disclosure statements submitted on 9/29/06 has been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449).

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-7 are objected to because of the following informalities:

As to claims 1-7, "wherein:" as recited in the claims should be changed to "wherein".

In addition, it is suggested that claim 7 be rewritten as follow

"The FM receiver according to claim 1, wherein the switching unit can turn off both the route via the stereophonic demodulator unit and the route bypassing the stereophonic demodulator unit in the switching."

Further,

- Insert "a" before "switching unit" in line 8 of page 25 for claim 1;
- Insert "a" before "comparison unit" in line 2 of page 26 for claim 3;
- Insert "the" before "electric power supply" in line 2 of page 27 for claim 5;

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-7 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

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4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As to claim 1, the cited prior art fails to disclose or make it obvious an apparatus or a method for switching between stereophonic and monophonic mode of an FM receiver which comprises components and connections as specified in the claimed, wherein a non-obvious feature comprise a switching unit that selects either one of the two routes based on a control signal indicating the selection of either one of the stereophonic route and the monophonic route, and turns off electric power supply to the stereophonic demodulator unit based on the control signal when the route bypassing the stereophonic demodulator unit is selected.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

See the attached PTO-892.

6. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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